

Turkish party leader shot dead

ANKARA, May 27 (R) — The deputy chairman of Turkey's Nationalist Movement Party (NMP), Mr. Jun Sazak, was shot dead outside his home tonight, police said.

Mr. Sazak was a former minister of customs and state monopolies under a coalition of right-wing parties including the Justice Party and the Nationalist Front Party, which now rules alone as a minority government. Mr. Sazak is the highest-ranking politician to have been killed in recent political violence in Turkey, which has claimed an average 10 lives a day so far this year. His murder was apparently timed to coincide with the anniversary of the May 27, 1960 military coup which overthrew Mr. Adnan Menderes after a 10-year rule. Mr. Sazak's party is led by ex-colonel Alparslan Turkes, who was a leader of that coup. May 27, known as "Freedom and Constitution Day," is celebrated by Turks as the anniversary of the fall of what they regard as a corrupt regime. Mr. Menderes was executed in 1961.

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Regional Briefs

BEIRUT, Lebanon, May 27 (R) — Fighting flared in southern Lebanon again today between Palestinian-leftist forces and the Lebanese right-wing paramilitary movement Amal, security sources said. They said a number of people apparently were killed or wounded in fighting around several villages in the Nabatieh district, in the southern region's central sector. The market town of Nabatieh is a Palestinian-leftist stronghold. It was the third day of its kind within the past few days. On Friday, seven people were reported killed in fighting which both sides accused the other of starting. State-run Beirut Radio said efforts were continuing to "contain the deteriorating security situation." It added that villagers remained indoors and streets were deserted during the firing. At least five people were killed and 13 wounded yesterday in clashes between rival rightist militias in the Batroun region of northern Lebanon.

ROME, May 27 (AP) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Butros Ghali arrived here today for a four-day visit with Italian government officials and was carrying a message to Pope John Paul II from Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, officials said. Dr. Ghali was scheduled to meet Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo tomorrow and would later see Premier Francesco Cossiga. The Egyptian minister was scheduled to see the Pontiff on Thursday. Officials were not available to comment on the contents of the message from Mr. Sadat.

SAHRAI, May 27 (R) — Saudi Arabia's foreign minister, Prince Saud Al Faisal, left for Morocco today leading a team of senior foreign ministry officials, the Saudi Press Agency said. He will join the Saudi crown prince and first deputy premier, Prince Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz, who is now in the Moroccan city of Fez, the agency said. The agency has so far said nothing about the purpose of the visit. Prince Fahd's North African visit, which will also include Algeria, Prince Fahd and King Hassan of Morocco met for two hours in Fez last night.

CAIRO, May 27 (R) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan said today he has invited outgoing Israeli Defence Minister Ezer Weizman to visit Egypt next month. Mr. Ali stressed the invitation was personal and that it had been made while he was in Israel last month attending the latest session of talks on Palestinian autonomy. Mr. Weizman resigned from his post last Sunday in protest over funds for his department and Prime Minister Menachem Begin's hardline policies in the occupied territories. Reacting to Mr. Weizman's resignation, Mr. Ali said on Sunday "he is my friend." Both men have taken part in the autonomy talks since they started a year ago, and they presided over the committee supervising the normalisation of relations between Egypt and Israel in their capacity as defence ministers.

LONDON, May 27 (R) — Egyptian Vice-President Hosni Mubarak arrived in London today for talks with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on the Arab-Israeli dispute and other world developments. British officials said Mr. Mubarak, who has just had talks with President Carter in Washington and is expected to visit West German ministers in Bonn, may also have talks with Mr. Mubarak's Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington. The vice-president has been negotiating the western leaders on the suspended Egyptian-Israeli peace negotiations on Palestinian autonomy and has delivered letters to people from President Anwar Sadat.

LONDON, May 27 (R) — Omani Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Qais Abdul Momin Al Zawawi will hold talks with British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington here tomorrow on Gulf developments and the Iran and Afghanistan crises, British officials said. Mr. Zawawi during a four-day official visit will also meet Defence Secretary Francis Pym. He visited Baghdad yesterday for talks with Iraqi leaders.

CAIRO, May 27 (R) — Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali has protested to the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) against Ethiopian allegations that Egypt was illegally exploiting the River Nile. Dr. Ghali referred to an Ethiopian memorandum which he said was distributed among OAU member states. President Anwar Sadat last November inaugurated work on a "peace canal" to help Egypt reclaim 600,000 hectares (243,000 hectares) of land on both sides of the Suez Canal. Dr. Ghali told reporters yesterday that Egypt's absolute right to use Nile water in Sinai was indisputable. In 1978 when Ethiopia was reported to be planning a dam on Lake Tana, one of the Nile sources, President Sadat said he would go to war if any country tried to deprive his country of the Nile waters.

TEL AVIV, May 27 (AP) — Construction work resumed on a new Israeli air base yesterday as 319 rebellious Portuguese workers returned home after a two-day strike against an American contractor. A spokesman for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which oversees construction of two bases for the Israeli air force, said 178 of the Portuguese contract workers were fired and 141 resigned from jobs at the Mitze Ramon site in the Negev Desert. American contractors are building the \$1-billion-dollar base and a similar one further south to replace air bases in the Sinai Desert which Israel will hand over to Egypt in 1982. Foreign contract labour was brought in to avoid damaging Israel's economy, with Portuguese working at Mitze Ramon and Thai at the second site. The spokesman said the labour trouble broke out last Thursday when some of the Portuguese demanded pay increases and improvements in work conditions at the desert site. The management refused to negotiate on pay scales but a longer lunch break was granted, the spokesman said.

ATHENS, May 27 (R) — Athens security police today accused a Libyan oil company employee of the murder in Athens of a 23-year-old Libyan factory worker, who the police believe was an opponent of Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi, a police spokesman said. Tomorrow, the public prosecutor is expected to formally charge Mohammed Abdullah Saad, 50, of the state-controlled Libyan Petroleum Organisation, with the murder and open an inquiry leading to a trial, the spokesman said. The factory worker, Abdul Rahman Al Kimyas was found last Wednesday in his rented room in the working-class suburb of Haidari with his throat slit. The murdered man's name had previously been given as Abdul Rahman Abu Bakr. The police said two Libyan students at Athens technical schools, Abdullah Belhaje, 17, and Nour Al Din Mahmoudi, 18, were accused as accomplices and would also be charged by the public prosecutor.

TEHRAN, May 27 (R) — British journalist Nicholas Cummings-Bruce, detained here yesterday by revolutionary guards for not having a valid press visa, may be held for at least two more days, a spokesman indicated today. The spokesman, asked by Reuters if Cummings-Bruce could visit Mr. Cummings-Bruce, said: "We're too busy now. You can come and see him on Thursday." The 30-year-old freelance correspondent of the London Guardian was refused a re-entry visa by the Iranian embassy in London last month despite having covered Iraq for the past 18 months. He returned to Tehran in the hope of obtaining press credentials locally. The national guidance (information) ministry asked him to leave Iran but he was planning further approaches to the foreign ministry when he was detained at Reuters' Tehran office yesterday.



The Hijazi family (above) and the Al Masri family seen in the tents they pitched outside their houses in the occupied West Bank town of Nablis, after their houses were sealed up by the Israeli military authorities in punishment for the firebombing of an Israeli bus in their city.

Kreisky warns against forceful means to free hostages from U.S. embassy

ATHENS, May 27 (R) — American hostages held in Iran since last November will eventually be released provided forceful means of getting them out are not used again, Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky said today.

Dr. Kreisky, in Athens for a four-day official visit, arrived directly from Tehran after a two-day fact-finding mission about the Iranian revolution with Swedish opposition leader Olof Palme and Spanish Socialist Party leader Felipe Gonzalez.

"I believe the Iranian regime is fully aware of all the consequences stemming from the continued holding of the American hostages," he told reporters when he arrived.

"But I also believe that if any further force is attempted there will be results harmful to everyone concerned, including the international community and the cause of peace," he added.

"If a mild climate of negotiations prevails, then I am confident that sooner or later the hostages will be released."

This morning Dr. Kreisky met President Constantine Karamanlis, before opening talks with Prime Minister George Rallis. During his stay Dr. Kreisky will also have talks with Greek Foreign Minister Constantine Mitsotakis and other Greek officials.

The chancellor said democracy was taking shape in Iran, and he added: "This is certainly a very optimistic development."

His views were apparently shared by Mr. Gonzalez, who told reporters on his return to Madrid that Iran should be allowed to resolve the issue of the hostages without outside interference.

The Spanish socialist leader said: "The Iranian authorities are fully aware of the implications of the problem and its importance. Their capacity of solving it must therefore be respected."

Mr. Gonzalez said the neutrality of Iran must be established as it was a key Middle East country undergoing a profound political and economic change.

Israel imposes collective punishment in West Bank

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 27 (R) — Israeli security forces arrested 15 people in the town of Hebron on the occupied West Bank today in connection with the stabbing yesterday of an Israeli border policeman, military sources said today.

The policeman was slightly wounded as he carried out a routine patrol.

Forty house and shop owners in Hebron have written to the International Red Cross protesting against the demolition of their property by Israeli authorities. The buildings were demolished after a Palestinian attack on May 3 in which six Israeli settlers died.

The mayors of Hebron and Halhoul were expelled to Lebanon following the incident.

Two men appointed by Israel to replace the expelled mayors, said today they have rejected the appointments, Arab sources said.

Mr. Mustafa Abdul-Nabi Al Natsha and Mr. Hijazi Madyah, deputy mayors of Hebron and Halhoul, were appointed two days ago.

Israeli military sources said they were formally installed as mayors after brief ceremonies, but the two men insisted they regarded themselves only as temporary replacements.

But Arab sources have said Mr. Al Natsha and Mr. Madyah, did not recognise the appointments because the expulsions were illegal.

The United Nations Security Council has twice called on Israel to allow the return of the expelled mayors. Mr. Fahd Qawasmli of Hebron and Mr. Mohammad Milhem of Halhoul, together with the Muslim judge of Hebron, Sheikh Rajab Al Tamimi.

The Israeli High Court last week gave the government 45 days to show why the expelled men should not be allowed back. In Nablis, three families, whose houses were sealed up by the occupation authorities yesterday, in punishment for the firebombing of an Israeli bus, today pitched tents outside the sealed-up houses.

The houses belong to families of three youths — Mu'awiya Hijazi, Saleh Salamah and Fahmi Al Masri — who were accused by the Israeli authorities of throwing the firebombs at the Israeli bus which was travelling in the Nablis suburb of Rafidia.

The western sector of the city was reported under curfew from 5 p.m. Sunday until this morning. Mr. Zafer Al Masri, the chairman of the Nablis chamber of commerce, lodged a complaint yesterday with the Nablis military governor against the severe collective punishment measures imposed on the city.

The owners of the sealed-up houses planned to submit a petition to the Israeli High Court on their grievance.

Hardline Israeli cabinet shapes up

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 27 (R) — A new hard-line Israeli cabinet appeared in the making tonight in an atmosphere inflamed by a fierce public wrangle between Prime Minister Menachem Begin and outgoing Defence Minister Ezer Weizman.

The state radio reported that Mr. Begin had decided to move Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir to the defence post and to put Energy Minister Yitzhak Mordechai in charge of foreign affairs.

The radio quoted Mr. Mordechai as saying the appointments were not final, and depended on the consent of the other coalition factions.

A government spokesman refused to confirm the radio report, but political sources said it seemed a likely way round the dilemma facing Mr. Begin since Mr. Weizman resigned two days ago, partly in protest at hawkish cabinet policies.

The sources said Mr. Begin planned to bring in as energy minister Professor Moshe Arens, now chairman of the influential defence and foreign affairs committee of the Knesset.

Like Mr. Shamir and Mr. Mordechai, Professor Arens is noted for hard-line views. None of the three men would be likely to resist hawkish policies in the way Mr. Weizman did.

All recent polls suggest that an election now would devastate the Begin coalition and sweep the Labour Party back to power.

The latest poll, published today in the English-language Jerusalem Post, indicated that 51 per cent of Israelis want the Begin government to resign immediately.

Labour has been watching for

any signs that the rift might leave the coalition vulnerable to a parliamentary vote of no confidence. But when the small left-wing Shelly Party in the Knesset put forward a no-confidence motion today, Labour said the move would only help the ruling Likud to close ranks. The motion was defeated 51 votes to 5 when Labour members abstained.

In a resignation letter delivered yesterday, Mr. Weizman accused his former colleagues of making time on peace moves.

The letter clearly enraged Mr. Begin, whose aides quickly issued a harshly-worded reply which accused Mr. Weizman of disloyalty and "shocking frivolousness."

Mr. Begin took particular offence at Mr. Weizman's charge that Israel had stalled in the year-old negotiations with Egypt and the United States on Palestinian autonomy in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

"The prime minister wishes to assert that there is no limit to the gravity of this accusation," Mr. Begin's letter said. He insisted that Egypt was to blame for lack of progress on autonomy.

Mr. Begin also accused Mr. Weizman of attempting to depose him from office while he was in Washington last month by appearing on television and urging early national elections.

Mr. Weizman had clashed repeatedly with his cabinet colleagues over the refusal to consider more than minor powers of autonomy for the Palestinians and over the plans to promote mass Jewish settlement on occupied Arab land.

3 U.S. banks cut prime rates

NEW YORK, May 27 (R) — Three major U.S. banks today cut their prime lending rate by as much as two full percentage points, to 14 per cent.

The prime rate, the interest banks charge on loans to their best corporate customers, has fallen sharply in recent weeks since it soared to a record 20 per cent in April.

Morgan Guaranty Trust Company led today's retreat, slashing its prime rate to 14 from 16 per cent. Bankers Trust Company and First National Bank of Chicago both trimmed their prime rates to the 14 per cent level from 15.5 per cent.

Afghan aide welcomes contact with three-man Islamic team

MOSCOW, May 27 (R) — Afghanistan's foreign minister, Mr. Shah Mohammad Dost today gave a cautious welcome to the decision by Islamic countries last week to make contact with his government through a three-man committee.

The Soviet News Agency Tass, reporting from Kabul, said Mr. Dost told a press conference the Afghan government was studying the resolution on Afghanistan approved at the Islamabad meeting, to which it was not invited.

The meeting set up a team consisting of the Islamic Conference Organisation (ICO) Secretary-General Habib Chatty of Tunisia, Iranian Foreign Minister Sadeq Qotbzadeh and Pakistan's Foreign Affairs Adviser Aga Shahi to seek a solution to the Afghan crisis.

The committee was authorised to make contact not only with Moscow but with the government of President Babrak Karmal in Kabul, though this will not mean formal recognition.

Mr. Dost said his government was aware of the formation of the committee, and would study the idea to see how it corresponded to Afghanistan's own offer, made on May 14, of direct talks with Pakistan and Iran.

"We think that the very fact of the committee's intention to consult with the government of the DRA (Afghanistan) is the recognition of an obvious reality — that it is useless to consider questions concerning this region without the direct participation of the DRA," he said.

But Mr. Dost said Afghanistan

categorically rejected the idea of an international conference to solve the crisis, because this would be interference in its internal affairs and an infringement of its rights.

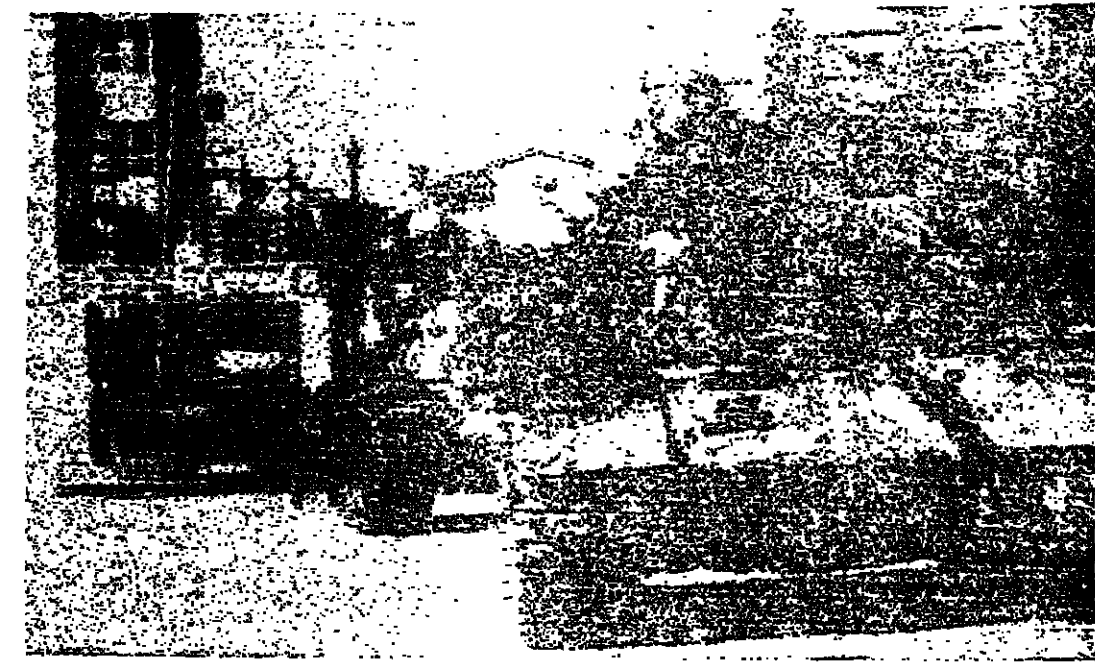
He also sharply criticised Iran for allowing Afghan rebels to attend the Islamabad conference as part of its delegation. He said Afghan people were angry. The rebels were "paid agents of imperialism."

He also condemned the conference's final resolution on

Afghanistan, saying it contained slanderous inventions and insinuations, and was couched in extremely hostile language.

So far there has been no comment in Moscow on the establishment of the three-man mission.

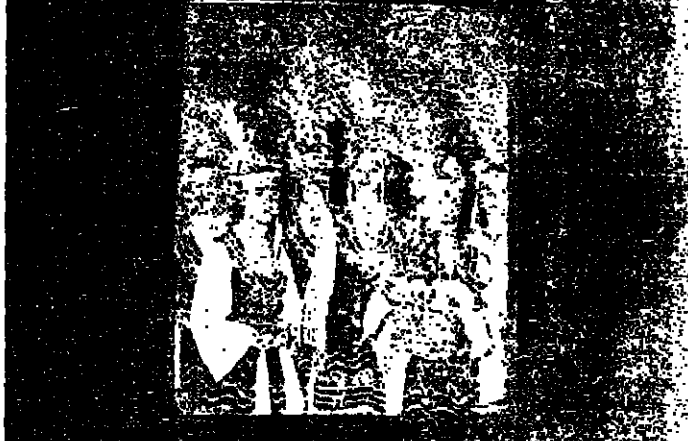
Mr. Dost denied recent reports of riots and shootings in Kabul and other towns, describing them as "western propaganda fabrications." He said the situation in the country over the last five months had gradually returned to normal, Tass reported.



Army tanks roll through downtown Kwangju Tuesday after South Korean government troops wrested control of the battered city from rebels in a pre-dawn raid. At least 17 rebels and two soldiers died in the fighting and an undetermined number were wounded. See page 6 (AP wirephoto)

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Report says 1/3 of W. Bank workers employed in Israel

GENEVA, May 26 (INPA) — Although unemployment has virtually been wiped out and there has been a steady growth of income, workers in the Israeli-occupied territories have largely depended on the export of their labour to Israel proper, the latest report of the International Labour Office says.

The report was compiled from findings of a mission in March this year which had conversations with Israel's civil and military occupation authorities, with employers and workers' organisations, with municipal authorities and with trade union leaders on the West Bank of Jordan. It also met the mayors of Hebron, Bethlehem and Beit Jala.

The report notes that more than one third of the total of 216,000 people employed in 1979 went to work in Israel. In view of the state of occupation, the ILO report says, no authority exists which might negotiate manpower agreements taking account of the

positions of the various parties concerned, or implement national development policies based on the specific needs of the local population.

The report concludes that more needs to be done to permit economic and social development activities to expand for the benefit of the Arab population.

While a previous mission had expressed concern about the large proportion of migrant labour employed "irregularly" in Israel, this year's mission reported that the Israeli authorities had confirmed their active determination to take steps against such "irregular" employment.

The proportion of workers thus employed was now said to be about one quarter of the total number of Arab employees from the occupied territories in Israel. The report recommended dissuasive penalties for intermediaries who organised illegal movement of people for employment purposes.

The report was concerned about the fact that workers in Israel from the occupied territories were excluded from certain insurance which benefited only residents.

Some old-age pensions had started to be paid out of a supplementary benefit fund, the report said, but it had not been possible to arrive at a tripartite agreement on the practice of equality of treatment which had been proposed by the Histadrut (Israel's central trade union organization).

The report noted that trade union activities were affected by the state of occupation. The resulting situation led the military authorities — even if they did not wish to intervene with trade unions as such — to keep a close watch on the activities of trade unions and to intervene when they considered that these activities were taking on a political character.

While acknowledging the difficulties of the situation, the ILO stressed the importance of its principle that workers wishing to set up trade unions should have the right to do so. The mission was informed that a number of previously detained trade unionists had been released.

Local News Briefs

AMMAN, May 27 (JNA) — The cabinet today appointed six heads of government departments. It made Dr. Sami Sunna' director general of the Agricultural Credit Corporation; Mr. Khaled Radaydeh under-secretary of the Civil Service Commission; Dr. Saleh Al Lawzi under-secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture; Mr. Mohammad Saleh under-secretary of the Ministry of Industry and Trade; Mr. Mohammad Ali Wardam under-secretary of the Ministry of Social Development and Dr. Hashem Dabbas director of the General Audit Office. At its meeting today the cabinet also retired on pension six employees from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and three from other departments.

AMMAN, May 27 (JNA) — Greek-Jordanian talks opened at the Ministry of Education here today to explore means of increasing cooperation in education between the two countries. The talks are being conducted by a team from the Ministry of Education led by the Under-secretary, Mr. Tahini Ra'fat, and a Greek educational delegation which arrived in Amman yesterday on a two-day visit.

AMMAN, May 27 (JNA) — The Jordan Valley Authority today handed over 300 housing units to farmers in the northern Jordan Valley region. The units were built by the Housing Corporation in the villages of Northern Shumeh, Manshiyeh, Qulay' at Waqas, Al Mashareh, Wadi Al Yabis and Kuraymeh. Farmers will have to pay the cost of their new houses over a period of 20 months. According to the District Governor of the region, Mr. Izzeddin Al Gharaybeh, each unit has an area of 63 square metres, and they cost JD 3,100 each to build.

AMMAN, May 27 (JNA) — The newly appointed Jordanian Ambassador to Bahrain, Mr. Saleh Al Kabarti, today presented his credentials to the country's ruler, Sheikh 'Issa Ibn Salman Al Khalifa. At the ceremony, Sheikh 'Issa and the ambassador lauded the strong relations between Jordan and Bahrain.

AMMAN, May 27 (JNA) — The expansion of nutritional programmes for school children in Jordan was the topic of discussion at a meeting today between the under-secretary of the Ministry of Education and a two-member team from the World Food Programme (WFP). A ministry source said the two sides discussed the prospect of adding Madaba, Karak, Jerash and Ajloun schools to the programme. At present only government schools in Ma'an, Tafila and Mafrqa are included in the programme; 47,000 students in these towns benefit from it. With the increase, the source said, the figure would jump to 123,000.

AMMAN, May 27 (JNA) — A Tunisian educational delegation is due in Amman on Thursday for a three-day visit at the invitation of the Ministry of Education. During the visit the delegation will hold talks with Jordanian officials on promoting educational relations between Jordan and Tunisia.

IRBID, May 27 (JNA) — A total of eight thousand cubic metres of drinking water a day will be available to the inhabitants of this city this summer, a municipality spokesman said here today. The figure last summer was five thousand. At meeting among representatives of the Water Supply Corporation, the municipality and the governor of Irbid, it was also decided to increase water supplies to villages in Irbid Governorate. A total of 30,000 cubic metres of water a day will be supplied to them.

AMMAN, May 27 (JT) — Members of the National Consultative Council (NCC) are from now on expected to heed a "no smoking" request made by the council's president, Mr. Ahmad Tarawneh, during yesterday's session. A report by Al Ra'i newspaper said the motion was put forward by several NCC members, mostly doctors, and was approved by Mr. Tarawneh, who announced it to the members. Upon receiving unanimous approval, the president ordered all ash-trays to be removed from the tables.

AMMAN, May 27 (JT) — As of today imported canned soft drinks, such as Pepsi, Seven Up and Crush, will be sold for 120 fils a can, according to an order by the minister of supply. It said each can must contain 12 ounces of the drink, and be sufficiently cooled. The former price of the drinks was 150 fils each.

AMMAN, May 27 (JNA) — Twenty-one pick-up trucks arrived in Aqaba today as a gift from the South Korean government. The South Korean Ambassador in Amman, Mr. Jin Chul Soh, handed the vehicles' documents to Under-secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs 'Amer Shammout, who expressed the government's appreciation for the gift, which serves as a token of friendship and cooperation between the two countries.

AMMAN, May 27 (JT) — The Civil Aviation Council of Arab States will open an extraordinary meeting here on Thursday. Taking part in the meeting will be representatives of 19 Arab states and seven international civil aviation organisations. During the four-day meeting the council will discuss a unified strategy for Arab civil aviation, cooperation among Arab states in civil aviation and the council's plan for 1980-1985. The council, which began operations in 1967, aims at developing the principles, techniques and economics of air transport in the Arab World.

AMMAN, May 27 (JNA) — A spokesman for the Public Security Directorate announced today that a total of nine incidents occurred in Jordan over the past 24 hours, resulting in the injury of four people. Among these, he said, there was one road accident.

AMMAN, May 27 (JNA) — A handball team from China will arrive in Amman on Thursday for a week-long visit. It will play against the Jordanian national team and the military team. The visit comes at the invitation of the military sports union in Jordan.

AMMAN, May 27 (JNA) — A total of JD 3.6 million were deposited in the Post Office Savings Fund last month, according to the fund's board. It said nearly 71,500 people deposited the savings, which the fund invests in developments projects and businesses in Jordan.

AMMAN, May 27 (JNA) — The military governor today endorsed a sentence passed by the military court on two citizens for hashish trafficking. They will each pay a fine of JD 500, and will spend a prison sentence of five years with labour.

ANALYSIS

U.S. plays politics with Mideast issue

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article, by Mr. Dennis Walters, a Conservative member of the British Parliament, is reprinted from The Times, London.

By Dennis Walters, MP

(MONDAY WAS) the target date set last year for the conclusion of talks between Egypt, Israel and the United States on Palestinian autonomy. Those talks have clearly failed, and America now needs to look again at her Middle East policy.

Unfortunately, a series of meetings in Washington recently with leading members of the Senate and House of Representatives, with key officials in the State Department and National Security Council and with distinguished elder statesmen have left me in no doubt that any objective assessment of policy in the Middle East is to be ruled out until January 1981.

Perhaps this is only to be expected. At least since 1948 internal political considerations have always seriously affected American policy-making towards the Middle East, and in an election year they usually control it. But while a visitor should perhaps not be surprised by this, he cannot help finding it depressing. And if Governor Reagan wins the presidential election many more months will have to go by before the area is studied according to the strategic economic and political priorities of the U.S. and its allies.

A string of semi-commitments, injudicious and inaccurate comments and sheer electioneering jibberish will have to be jettisoned before there can again be a rational approach to the Middle East.

To give just one example of the sort of remark that passes for statesmanship in these electioneering days. Governor Reagan was quoted in The New York Times as saying: "For too long propagandists have had it that Israel was responsible for the refugees. The land of the former Palestine mandate is now 80 per cent in Jordan and 20 per cent in Israel and the responsibility for refugees should now fall 80 per cent in Jordan and 20 per cent on Israel."

A series of circumstances have combined this year to make the Arab-Israeli issue more central and more politically relevant than in any previous presidential election. This inevitably means that the powerful Zionist lobbies are in an aggressive mood, and all politicians up for election are willing under the relentless pressure.

An incumbent president, instead of sailing gracefully towards the re-nomination, has been forced to fight hard for it and from a position of relative weakness. President Carter is now almost certain to be re-nominated but his bruising battle with Senator Kennedy has eliminated the possibility of any lofty concentration on national priorities. The appalling recitation over the U.N. vote on the issue of Israeli settlements was both damaging to the President and a telling indication of his present weakness.

The loss of the New York primary to Senator Kennedy then made quite certain that the issue of the Jewish vote would become and remain obsessively central to the campaign. The debate over the rescue of the Tehran hostages, although an entirely separate issue, failed to provide a much-needed boost to the president's campaign and

national standing. President Carter is therefore being advised that he must at all costs reassure the Jewish community and that after the United Nations voting fiasco it is imperative to demonstrate that his heart if not his head is in the right place over Israel.

Hence the incredible timidity which now affects the administration when dealing with Middle Eastern affairs. Every word spoken by the president and every move, every syllable uttered at the United Nations, let alone every vote cast, is being scrutinised, analysed, assessed and reassessed to make sure that the Zionists are not displeased. It is a truly lamentable way for the leading power in the West to be conducting affairs at a critical moment in international relations.

And Governor Reagan, despite having intelligent and well-informed political advisers, appears only concerned, when it comes to the Middle East, to prove himself more totally pro-Israeli than Mr. Carter to capture part of the traditionally Democratic Jewish vote.

These posturings on both sides are all the more regrettable because I suspect they are unnecessary. Many people who ought to know assured me that behind its apparently monolithic facade the Jewish community is divided and perplexed, less certain than ever before that blind support for the Begin government is either in the best interests of America or Israel.

Privately the doubts of American Jews about Mr. Begin multiply, and many of them will admit that a dialogue with the Palestinians, and indeed with the PLO, is the only way to peace. Publicly, alas, they usually echo the clichés of the candidates.

It is of course quite likely that the dangers inherent in the Middle East will inject an element of realism into the scene before November. But whatever happens it is surely essential that Europe should not be idle or silent while the United States allows itself the luxury of playing internal politics over the most vital strategic area in the world. Until the dust of the election has settled, Europe must be the guardian of true western interests in the Middle East.

But what can Europe do? There has been a good deal of talk of sponsoring a new Security Council resolution, but in the present atmosphere this would only invite an American veto if it advocated an advance towards genuine Palestinian self-determination, as it would have to.

What Europe should do now is what the Carter administration began earlier to do, but then backed away from — engage in serious top-level discussions with the Palestinians about lines for a settlement. The correct step is for the EEC to negotiate directly with the PLO, which is the only effective representative of the Palestinian people.

If all dialogue is abandoned while the world waits for Americans to choose a new president, it would be fatal to the chances for any peaceful approach, and quite possibly fatal to some Arab governments interested in a peaceful approach. But with any luck a European-Palestinian dialogue which started now could by 1981 have reached a stage where it could be usefully joined by a new and, it must be hoped, more self-confident and sensible American administration.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

An exhibition of photography of Jordan is open during office hours at the French Centre.

The Goethe Institute, in cooperation with the Faculty of Science of the University of Jordan (Department of Physics), presents an exhibition entitled "The Utilisation of Solar Energy: A task for the Future". Open from 10 a.m. at the institute.

The Fine Arts Centre of the Department of Culture and Arts presents an exhibition of drawings, paintings, sculpture, ceramics and prints at the ministry's art gallery in Shmeisani. Visiting hours are 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 4 - 7 p.m.

A presentation of geological maps and charts of Jordan and displays of rocks and minerals are featured in an exhibition prepared by geology students at the University of Jordan. The exhibition ends today and can be seen from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the university library.

Academic Fair

Projects in the arts and sciences, nursery school through 10th grade, are being displayed at an academic fair at the American Community School's multi-purpose room, near the Royal Automobile Club at the Fifth Circle, Jabal Amman. The exhibition is open to the public during school hours.

Ballet Film

A feature film tribute to America's oldest and most distinguished ballet company, the American Ballet Theatre, will be shown in the American Centre's auditorium. The film starts at 8 p.m. and is in colour.

Film

The British Council presents a one-day exhibition entitled "British Architecture for Arts and Leisure". Photographs and plans with seventeen contemporary examples will be on display.

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ISRAEL is constantly touted by the United States and its followers as the "only democracy in the Middle East." It is now ruled by an enfeebled regime, pieced together from a patchwork of minority parties, which has provoked such disaffection from among its people that more than half of them would bid the government take its leave.

Mr. Ezer Weizman's departure is but the latest falling stone in an avalanche that is likely to sweep the Begin coalition out of office entirely before its mandate expires. Yet in the interim, there seems to be no force, "democratic" or otherwise, capable of stopping that government from continuing to impose its will, through the use of armed force and official terror, in territories acquired by military conquest.

As political authority steadily slips through its fingers at home, there are signs that the Begin government's Middle East measures in the occupied territories are beginning to fall away at the moral respectability that it has somehow enjoyed up to now abroad.

The expulsion from their homeland of West Bank leaders, who have gone on to take their pleas for peace and reconciliation to the international community, has focused the attention of a distracted world on the reality of the occupation. The plight of the Palestinian families evicted from their homes and sent to live in inhuman conditions in distant and deserted refugee camps has likewise stirred memories in the world at large of the beginnings of the holocaust whose very victims have now assumed the role and adopted the methods of their one-time tormentors.

One wonders why the Israelis — indeed whether the Israelis — can really choose to do this to themselves, let alone to those on whom they seem determined to wreak vengeance for the long ago sins of Europe. Obviously, many Israelis themselves are wondering this as well: last week, 250 of the most prominent of them, including five cabinet ministers, four former Labour ministers and twenty present members of the Knesset, signed a statement urging that Israel should seek security through territorial compromise — not of "recognition that two peoples live between the Mediterranean and the Jordan River." They protested against the policy of "chauvinism," while, somewhat paradoxically, calling for a "return to mainstream Zionism." One wonders how competent this "model democracy" is at responding to these cries from within its own heart. But let us not wait for that "democracy" alone to respond to the cries from those whose hearts and minds and hopes are being trampled underfoot by a dwindling and increasingly embittered band of pathological zealots.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL-BAYAN: The strange thing is the insistence shown by the Egyptian regime on lengthening the local autonomy negotiations going, although they accomplished nothing by the deadline specified in the Camp David accords, which passed Monday.

The Egyptian president still insists that the negotiations have not yet failed and the Vice President, Mr. Hosni Mubarak, is continuing his efforts to convince the Egyptian countries to postpone their initiative for another six months. This attitude will also achieve nothing, except to freeze the Palestinian issue until after the American presidential elections.

Norway knows why Mr. Sadat strives for such a freeze, while the Palestinian people have often asked him to take his hands off the issue — seeing that his dealings with Israel have halted neither its settlement programme nor the measures, which are already under way, to contain Arab Jerusalem and to Judaize it. On the contrary, a stalemate in the Palestinian issue — during a period of time — will give Israel the time it needs to step up its aggressive activities and achieve its aims.

On the other hand, the European countries must hasten their initiative and disregard the will of the Camp David parties, who want to freeze the issue. These countries have to remember their promise to the Arabs, expressed in the deadline for the local autonomy negotiations has now passed without any result.

AL-BAYAN: The prime minister's statement before the National Consultative Council on Jordan's firm position on the Palestinian issue emphasised Jordan's un-Arab commitment to this position, which has always characterised its struggle down through the years.

Despite its injuries and setbacks, Jordan has continued its efforts to keep the just Palestinian cause alive and restore Palestinian rights. After 1967, it dedicated all its efforts and energies, at all levels — whether military, political or economic — to bolstering the Palestinian people's right to return to their homeland, liberate it and determine their future.

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Damascus flower show: More beautiful than ever



Imported plants and flowers from Holland make the Netherlands booth one of the favourites.

The flower show is the place for friends to meet this week, and well it should be with balmy weather and an attractive outdoor setting featuring well-dressed crowds, spacious gardens and fountains filled with animal life.

Jordan, Cyprus and Lebanon all have handsome displays featuring citrus, palms and flowers native to their terrain.

A great many ideas for home decoration are offered, one of the most fetching booths being that of the Damascus International Fair, which features dozens of hanging Syrian straw baskets brimming with ivy.

An annual favourite of spectators is the Indonesian pavilion. This year Indonesia has air-freighted 80 orchid plants and more than 120 exotic cut flowers for display. Indonesian hostesses attired in colourful national costumes answer questions about the artfully arranged orchids.

The Netherlands spared no expense in bringing a huge collection of bulb flowers to this year's event. A miniature pond at the Dutch pavilion reflects dozens of potted lilies, violets, tulips and petunias.

The Boy Scouts of Syria have prepared dozens of Macramé slings and artistically crafted leather and wood objects for hanging house plants. The Meridien Hotel's entry is a small French



An extensive variety of orchids makes the Indonesian booth the most elaborate contribution to the show.



Hanging baskets brimming with ivy and artful arrangements of clay pots highlight the booth prepared by the International Damascus Fair.

By Pat McDonnell

Special to the Jordan Times

ASCUS -- "A rose is a rose," wrote Gertrude Stein, and the American expatriate poet's words were to have a Damascus flower show, which surely have written: "A Damascus rose is a Damascus rose."

There is a wild profusion of the famous Syrian roses at the eighth annual International Flower Show of Damascus, which continues through Sunday in Jahez Garden (Mulk). For that matter, there is a staggering variety of exotic, though not so rare, flowers from

all parts of the world, sent to the show by 15 participating nations. The Municipality of Damascus always endeavours to make the event the highlight of the spring season. This year there are more illuminated fountains than ever, more eating places and, of course, more flowers.

Yoga classes offer Damascus physical, spiritual refreshment

By Pat McDonnell

Special to the Jordan Times

ASCUS -- Yoga has arrived in Damascus, in the persons of two qualified instructors whose teachings are vastly different from those attitudes on yoga con-

Mr. Pravira then made up his mind to go to the Ananda Marga training school in Benares, India. "Of course my relatives were disturbed when I told them I was giving up a well-paid job to pursue yoga. Now they realise that the serenity it has brought me made it the right step to take."

He recalls the year of training in Benares as being very rugged. "An Italian city boy."

"Strict discipline is practised in the training school. We were given just enough food to survive, because we had to become detached from physical desires. I slept on a pallet on the floor, which actually is much healthier than a soft mattress. We rose at 4 a.m. and were obliged to work many hours in the fields of the school's farm. We rarely went to bed before 11:30 p.m., yet we were filled with energy."

After one year, Mr. Pravira was given an Indian one as his superior and he made the decision to come to Syria to teach yoga.

Mrs. Devgon's involvement with yoga began 15 years ago in the Dutch city of The Hague. "Yoga was the 'in' thing" that year," she recalled. "I was working in an office near a yoga institute and I decided to try it on my lunch hour, much like one tries tennis or golf."

"Soon, I was taking four sessions a week under the instruction of a Japanese master. Getting the most out of yoga is not an immediate process. I always stress this to beginners. After eight months, I was still uncertain as to its benefits. My teacher urged me to stick to it with the promise that 10 years later I would thank him for the advice. I am grateful because yoga is one form of physical and mental fitness that can be actively practised at any age. Now, I am addicted to it. I practise it at least half an hour daily and if I miss even one day, I feel like a log."

Commented Mr. Pravira, who spends a minimum of one hour daily at hatha yoga exercises and two to five hours in meditation: "Yoga becomes a way of life if you practise it daily. I start beginners with physical relaxation exercises -- the person must be aware of his body; he can't concentrate or meditate until tensions are

eliminated from the body."

Says Mrs. Devgon: "Exactly. I tell my students to relax, to concentrate on their toes, then their heels, ankles, knees and on up to the head. Then, we take an imaginary trip, usually to a quiet mountain spot. I've often had students fall asleep as they relax their bodies, forget their immediate problems and busy schedules."

"Obesity is another reason people take up yoga," Mr. Pravira added. "It's not just the exercises, it's a matter of sublimating the desire to overeat. The

never interrupt me," she said. "It's all a matter of putting negative thoughts out of the mind." Mr. Pravira said: "The body then adapts to new, positive attitudes. Once the mind begins to expand, it has a beneficial effect on the body. If students clear their minds of problems, they'll succeed and they'll slowly become proficient in practising it on their own."

"The first step in yoga is to gain control of the body," Mrs. Devgon said. "Not everyone is immediately ready for meditation. Yet it is through meditation that one can overcome handicaps or inferiority feelings. Meditation teaches one to become positive and if you begin to believe you can achieve something -- be it overcoming a stutter or developing a talent -- it can be done through positive thinking. I tell my students they can be whatever they want to be."

Adds Mr. Pravira: "Right. We are limited by our sensory organs. Once we learn to withdraw, to reach a higher mental plane through meditation, we develop skills and abilities we never were aware of. Many westerners are afraid of meditation; they're afraid of experimenting with a new experience -- the unknown. They find pure concentration a very difficult thing. Yet once you concentrate on an object long enough, you become that object. Reaching the stage is a slow process, that's why many people drop out before they achieve it."

"My one word of advice to beginners," concluded Mrs. Devgon, "is not to lose patience. If they want to thoroughly learn yoga, they must give it a trial period of one year. It took me five years of study before I felt proficient. By then, it was a way of life and it had helped me so much. I wanted to help others who were suffering from nervous tension. I started to and still teach as a hobby to give women a few lessons so they'll become encouraged to go to a yoga institute."

Proof of what both instructors offer is their own tip-top physical condition. Mrs. Devgon is considering the prospect of starting a new women's class this summer. Mr. Pravira is willing to teach all who sign up at the Damascus Community School of Meridien Health Club. And, if the demand is great enough, he'll try to launch sessions in Amman.

Her perfect model's figure might also be attributed to keeping a lively two-year-old son, Pitu, in tow. Young Pitu already is aware of his mother's yoga regimen. "When it comes time for my daily hatha exercises, Pitu knows it's 'yoga time' as he calls it, and he



East meets West when it comes to methods of yoga taught separately in Damascus by Dada Pravira (left) and Sonia Devgon.

watched some teenagers doing callisthenics. Some of the movements are close to yoga, but these people were jumping up and down, doing knee-bends and so on like automatic. It was obvious they were moving like machines, pumping their hearts without synchronising their consciousness with what they were doing. It's like tennis -- people are only aware of the little ball they're chasing; whereas yoga is a slow, but intense, exercise that clears the mind of problems and the body of poisons."

Mr. Pravira added: "That's why yoga can cure so many ailments -- except those requiring surgery. Spinal problems, breathing disorders, glandular diseases and defects of the circulation can be healed through yoga."

mind must be diverted from food through concentration. Once the appetite is under control, glandular processes become balanced and weight loss begins."

Said Mrs. Devgon: "If one exercises regularly, the appetite seems to diminish, you eat only what the body requires and eventually, one reaches his or her ideal weight. I've had no weight problem since I began yoga and I eat anything I wish to."

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TODAY'S WEATHER

It will be sunny, with light and variable winds. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

	Overnight	Daytime
Amman	18	31
Aqaba	25	39
Deserts	18	35
Jordan Valley	19	37

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

U.S. dollar	295.00/297.00
U.K. sterling	699.40/703.40
West German mark	166.90/167.90
Swiss franc	180.00/181.10
French franc	71.40/71.80
Italian lire	(for every 100)
Japanese yen	35.40/35.60
Dutch guilder	135.00/135.80
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Belgium franc	70.90/71.30
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AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

Name of Company	Par Value	Number Traded	High	Low	Closing Price
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Jordan Lime and Silicate Brick Industries Co.	JD 5,000	790	5,500	5,400	5,550
Arabian Development and Investment	JD 2,000	850	1,350	1,350	1,350
Arabian Seas Insurance Co. Ltd.	JD 5,000	300	11,000	10,750	11,000
Islamic Bank	JD 1,000	19,560	2,020	1,960	1,970
Bank of Jordan	JD 1,000	325	12,500	12,500	12,500
Jordan-Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	7050	1,610	1,580	1,600
Arab Investment Bank	JD 1,000	5400	1,570	1,550	1,560
Jordan-Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	200	2,300	2,300	2,300
Industrial Development Bank	JD 1,000	1500	1,450	1,450	1,450
National Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	200	10,500	10,500	10,500
Dar Al Dawa Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	45	3,950	3,950	3,950
Jordan Printing and Packing Co.	JD 1,000	56	2,850	2,850	2,850
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	3860	3,300	3,300	3,300
Jordan General Mining Co.	JD 1,000	2400	1,500	1,480	1,500
Arabian Investment and International Trading Co. Ltd.	JD 1,000	250	1,040	1,040	1,040
Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Co.	JD 5,000	150	26,500	26,500	26,500
Arab Company for Aluminium Industries	JD 1,000	230	1,260	1,260	1,260
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	843	1,980	1,980	1,980
Irbid District Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	240	1,050	1,050	1,050
International Construction and Investment	JD 1,000	17,600	1,010	1,000	1,000
Mas for Blades Manufacture	JD 1,000	1000	0,880	0,870	0,880
Jordan Glass Factories Co.	JD 1,000	750	0,870	0,870	0,870
Jordan Cement Factories Co.	JD 1,000	180	19,450	19,300	19,300
Jordan Ceramic Industries Co.	JD 1,000	6118	1,360	1,350	1,360
Jordan Paper and Cardboard Factories Co.	JD 1,000	319	1,400	1,350	1,380
Arab Chemical Detergents Industries Co.	JD 1,000	7000	2,590	2,550	2,550
Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co.	JD 5,000	3698	10,100	10,000	10,100
National Steel Industry	JD 10,000	2290	23,930	23,500	23,930

Total Volume Traded on Tuesday, May 27, 1980: JD 239,676

Total number of shares traded: 93,117

Government Development Bonds

Year of Maturity	Par Value	Number Traded	Volume Traded	High	Low
1989	JD 10,000	375	3750	10,000	10,000

BL unveils 'economy car' innovation

BIRMINGHAM, May 27 (AP) —

A rust-proof car that can cover 160 kilometres on one gallon of gasoline has been unveiled by British Leyland (BL), the state-run auto manufacturer. The company claimed today that the prototype EC2V — for energy conservation vehicle — has achieved 100 kilometres a gallon at a steady 96 kph, and managed 112 kilometres to the gallon on busy city streets. A diesel engine could give even more than 100 mpg, the company says.

The reason for better performance in the crowded stop-start conditions of urban motoring was not disclosed. BL say they can mass-produce the car by 1987 if they get government funds. Without help, it could be 10 years away and may be overtaken by competitors like Volkswagen of West Germany.

The thrust behind the new car is BL's belief that fuel prices will increase two to three times in real terms by the middle to late 1980 and that gasoline quality will deteriorate. The company said it also is developing cars to run on liquid petroleum gas from the North Sea.

The EC2V's low fuel consumption is helped by using lightweight alloys and reinforced plastics, improved aerodynamics and high efficiency small capacity engines. It has more space than a

mini-car but weighs less.

The average British family car does 28 to 35 mpg in town and up to 45 mpg on a steady run. A Rover-Royce drinks one gallon over 11 miles and a red London double-deck bus with diesel engine does 5 mpg.

Mr. Spen King, chairman of BL technology, said he believes his company is ahead of competitors in reducing weight while retaining stability and rigidity in the EC2V. State-aided foreign competitors are spending heavily on similar developments, while the British government has shown little enthusiasm for the EC2V, Mr. King said.

British governments are notorious non-backers of new inventions and technology. The coolness toward the EC2V could be partly due to the government's past underwriting of BL losses and funding a £2.8 billion investment programme through 1982.

Birmingham-based British Leyland is plagued by strikes, but remains Britain's largest manufacturing exporter. Its famous cars include Jaguar, Austin, Daimler, Morris, TX7 and Land-rover.

Motoring correspondents said that the EC2V engine is a three-cylinder, 810 cc. power pack with a five-speed gear box.

The development is taking place in military-style security on

an old bomber base at Gaydon near Warwick, 32 kilometres from Birmingham.

Meanwhile Mr. Yoshitake Sasaki, minister of international trade and industry, urged Japanese electric power firms today to use more coal and nuclear power and reject their reliance on oil for generating electricity.

The request followed an advisory at a ministerial meeting of the International Energy Agency (IEA) in Paris last week that Japan should reduce oil-burning power plants as a means of saving oil.

A ministry spokesman said Mr. Gaishi Hiraiwa, president of the federation of nine major electric power companies, told Mr. Sasaki that the electric power industry will study the request and at the same time asked the government to provide the industry with financial assistance for fuel switching projects.

Electric power firms used 22.4 per cent of Japan's total oil imports during fiscal 1979, which ended March 31 of this year. Japan has 245 oil-burning power plants with a combined capacity for generating 56.6 million kilowatts, or 60 per cent of its total electricity. The remaining 40 per cent comes from nuclear power, hydroelectric generation, coal and liquefied natural gas power plants.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, May 27 (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at the close of trading on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets today.

One sterling	2.3700/10	U.S. dollar
One U.S. dollar	1.1577/80	Canadian dollar
	1.7615/25	West German mark
	1.9365/80	Dutch guilder
	1.6375/85	Swiss franc
	28.24/27	Belgian franc
	4.1060/80	French franc
	829.50/830.25	Italian lire
	219.05/25	Japanese yen
	4.1605/15	Swedish crown
	4.8455/65	Norwegian crown
	5.5060/70	Danish crown
One ounce of gold	515.50/517.00	U.S. dollars

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, May 27 (R) — Government bonds closed higher but equities generally declined in small turnover, dealers said. At 1500 the FT index was down 3.7 at 419.6.

The strength of sterling and the early exhaustion of the 13 1/2 per cent 1992 exchequer 'tap' stock stimulated buying interest in government bonds, which closed with gains of around 1/4 point at the long end, and 1/4 or 3/16 point in shorter dates. Gold shares moved up to \$2 higher with the bullion price while U.S. and Canadian issues generally firmed.

Trading in equities was inhibited by the gloomy prospects for company profits in the coming months. GEC finished 10p lower while falls of between 4p and 6p were recorded against Fisons, Unilever, Lucas and ICI. Against the trend, buying interest in insurances promoted gains of 4p and 6p in Legal and General and Prudential respectively. Discount houses firmed on the back of the stronger government bond market but banks were mixed. Oils fluctuated at the higher levels, leaving BP 6p higher and other leaders up 2p.

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S. Korean troops storm Kwangju, crush uprising

KWANGJU, South Korea, May 27 (AP)—Thousands of South Korean troops clamped tight martial law over Kwangju today after a pre-dawn assault that wrested

In what the area military commander called an attack that was "inevitable," paratroops used tanks, heavy machine guns and small arms to recapture the rebels' stronghold in a firefight that lasted nearly three hours.

"It was a bitter fight," said an army colonel, adding that his troops had been ordered "not to shoot at anybody unless they shot at us—and they fired first."

In Seoul, the martial law command said about 200 persons had been arrested as suspected instigators or participants in the rebellion, and the country's top martial officer, Gen. Lee Hae-sung, issued orders to "sort out swiftly the extreme rebels from among those under arrest, and dispose of the others generously."

Hua: N. Korea not about to intervene in S. Korea

TOKYO, May 27 (R)—Chinese Premier Hua Guofeng told Japanese Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira today that North Korea is not about to intervene in politically unsettled South Korea, Japanese government sources said.

The Chinese leader, who arrived here today for a five-day state visit to cement relations between the two Asian powers, gave his assessment of the situation on the Korean peninsula during two hours of private talks with Mr. Ohira on the world situation, the sources said.

Mr. Ohira is anxious to seek Mr. Hua's cooperation in using China's influence on Pyongyang to avoid making the turbulent situation in South Korea any worse.

North Korea has repeatedly denied in radio broadcasts and newspaper statements that it has plans to intervene in South Korea following the rebellion there against martial law.

But despite these assurances, Japanese officials have continued to express concern about South Korea's political stability and a potential intervention from the north.

Aside from South Korea, where earlier today troops crushed a week old uprising in the city of Kwangju, the two Asian leaders were also reported to have discussed Soviet military moves in Afghanistan and the expansion of Soviet power in the Pacific.

But Mr. Ohira, who is serving as caretaker prime minister after losing a no-confidence vote in the Diet (parliament) 11 days ago when 69 members of his own party deserted him, is carefully avoiding

control of the battered city from anti-government rebels. At least 17 rebels and two soldiers died in the fighting and an undetermined number were wounded.

At midday, five hours after the last firing died away, the central plaza of South Korea's fourth-largest city was ringed by hundreds of soldiers, and more were stationed in doorways and alleyways in the virtually-deserted downtown streets.

Fifteen tanks were parked in the area, four of them in front of the shell-pocked provincial headquarters which the insurgents, led by militant university students, had taken over as their command post last Thursday following three days of bloody street fighting.

Student leaders yesterday claimed 261 had died in the earlier fighting, by far the most in any civil disturbance in South Korea's recent history.

Some soldiers said they were told that the Kwangju rebellion,

which broke out nine days ago as student demonstrations against the country's seven-month-old martial law and in favour of democratic reforms, was a "communist rebellion."

The government claimed throughout that "North Korean communist agents" were to blame for the Kwangju revolt. The rebels claimed it became an open, armed insurrection only after paratroopers used excessive force in trying to control what had started as a peaceful demonstration.

Numerous representatives of the students and their sympathisers denied there was communist or North Korean involvement. They sought to negotiate a truce with the authorities that would have required the government to admit the paratroopers' brutality and accept responsibility for the uprising.

While a group of several hundred militant students were at the centre of the rebellion, their demands attracted considerable sympathy among the 800,000 people of Kwangju, a city some 250 kilometres south of Seoul.

Martial law authorities today informed the rebels, apparently by telephone, that they had two hours to surrender and vacate the provincial headquarters or they would be attacked.

As the word was passed, scores of students raced to the provincial building, where guns were handed out. Small observation planes flew low over the city, using loudspeakers to warn citizens to stay indoors and culling on the rebels to give up.

At the same time, a local radio station broadcast in English a warning to all foreigners saying, "The military is performing an operation to eliminate the rioters. Please keep inside the building and don't come out."

The South Korean foreign ministry had warned foreign embassies late Sunday that their nationals should leave Kwangju "as soon as possible." It was not known how many were still in the city at the time of the attack, or whether there were any non-Korean casualties.

Washington volcano area covered with residue

KELSO, Washington State, May 27 (R)—This southwestern corner of Washington State is slowly hosing itself out of a muddy mixture of ash and rain that choked the area on Sunday following the second big eruption of Mount St. Helens volcano.

A White House scientific expert, Dr. Denis Prager, has told residents the ash, five centimetres deep on the ground, did not appear to have any immediate

serious health effects. But it could cause headaches, eye irritation, husky throats, coughing and diarrhoea.

An electrical shop near Kelso is having an "end of the world sale." The organisers of a baseball game offered an added attraction all people attending would be given a free medical mask to protect them against the choking ash.

Since the volcano blasted away a huge chunk of its northern slope nine days ago and turned 380 square kilometres of woodland into a scorched lunar landscape, the 50,000 people in Kelso and in nearby Longview have been living under a moment's notice to evacuate.

The death toll remains at 32, with 21 bodies recovered so far. Seventy people are still listed as missing.

Last Sunday's eruption, which belched ash and smoke up to 12,000 metres, and sent dark ash clouds over the area, brought down power lines and left the inhabitants without electricity for several hours.

But some shops were open

Total of 85 nations have entered 1980 Moscow games, says IOC

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, May 27 (R)—A total of 85 countries have entered the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow and 56 have either declined invitations or not replied, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) said today.

An earlier announcement said 36 countries had refused to attend, but a later statement from IOC headquarters here corrected this figure to 29 and said 27 countries had failed to reply to invitations.

An IOC spokesman, asked to comment on a suggestion by a Senior Soviet Olympic official that the list was not final, said it was possible that replies might still be received in the next few days from some countries which had not answered invitations.

Although the deadline for entries was last Saturday, late replies could be submitted to the IOC executive body for approval, the spokesman said. The nine-man executive will meet in Lausanne on June 9 and 10 to "review the overall situation," today's announcement said.

The Soviet official, Mr. Vladimir Popov, press chief for the Soviet organising committee, indicated that other countries which might take a late decision to come would be welcome.

Mr. Popov was speaking in Moscow to Olympic attaches representing countries whose national

committees (NOC) have already decided to compete.

He declared, "We can already say that the Moscow Olympics will be fully-fledged games which will promote the development of Olympic sport and in which the leading sporting countries will be taking part with very few exceptions."

Without identifying the U.S. as the prime mover in the boycott campaign, Mr. Popov said its organisers had acted in violation of the spirit of the IOC charter and of international sport.

Many NOC had been subjected to political, financial and economic pressure from their governments to join the campaign, he added.

"That is why we want to express our warm feelings to those Olympics committees which are represented here and have decided to make their contribution not only to the Moscow games but also to the development of the Olympic movement," he told the attaches.

Mr. Popov quoted IOC President Lord Killanin as saying in a recent interview that NOC which had not applied to take part or which had decided to stay away but changed their mind would be treated with understanding if they said now they wanted to come.

Obote promises to work for Uganda reconciliation, reconstruction if elected

DAR ES SALAAM, May 27 (R) Former Ugandan president Milton Obote, returning to Uganda today after nine years of exile in Tanzania, promised that his Uganda People's Congress (UPC) party would aim at national reconciliation and reconstruction if Ugandans voted it into power in the September elections.

In a speech prepared for delivery at a mass rally of his supporters in the remote south Ugandan village of Bushenyi, Dr. Obote promised to stamp out corruption and inefficiency in the police and civil service.

Dr. Obote, 56, who was ousted by Idi Amin in 1971, spoke on behalf of his party, but his speech left little doubt that he himself would be its presidential candidate.

He attacked the post-Idi Amin administrations of the past year for corruption and factionalism, and criticised the international community and the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) for failing to condemn Amin while he was in power.

He promised that if his party won the elections it would treat the restoration of law and order

and the protection of people's property as its top priority.

"We shall create the conditions which will induce our people to give their best in the reconstruction of the country. We shall accept people who were unfairly expelled to come back if they wish to genuinely participate in the task of nation-building," he said.

He said the government would create conditions under which foreign and friendly governments would feel happy and confident to lend Uganda a helping hand.

"We shall offer incentives and proper legal protection to the

investments of those who wish to come and invest in our country from abroad and help in our agricultural and economic development. There shall be no more nationalisation," he promised.

Dr. Obote said that since Amin was ousted by Tanzanian troops and Ugandan guerrillas in April last year, "opportunism, personal ambition and greed of some of our leaders have once again given full vent to all the petty bickering which in the past contributed, with such vengeance, to the fragmentation of society."

Nations pledge \$99.4m at Kampuchea aid meeting

GENEVA, May 27 (R)—A United Nations-sponsored meeting on Kampuchea now has pledged of more than half the estimated \$181 million needed to keep the country from famine this year.

U.N. officials calculated during the first day of the meeting yesterday that donor nations had promised \$99.4 million in cash and kind.

The official total was due to be disclosed this evening when the 60-nation talks end at the U.N.'s European headquarters, Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim set the \$181 million target.

Several foreign ministers stressed yesterday that Kampuchea's Heng Samrin government and its Vietnamese backers must let the aid in more quickly.

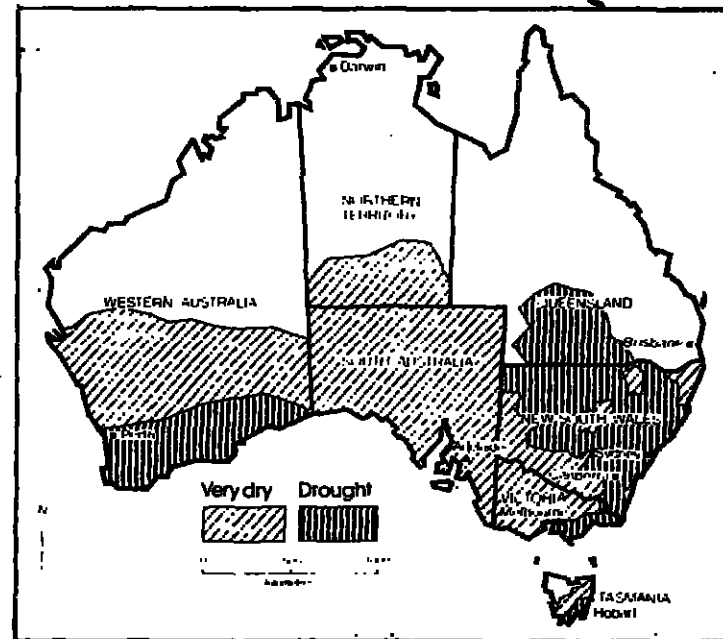
Members of the five-state

Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) had pressed for the meeting as a forum for voicing their fears that tens of thousands more Kampucheans might be forced to flee if relief rice seed did not reach the farmers immediately.

Western donor nations backed the ASEAN initiative but downgraded their representation to deputy foreign minister level once it became known that the Soviet Union and Vietnam were refusing to come.

U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher, listing the demands of several states, told a press conference that Kampuchea should permit the use of provincial airfields for relief flights, open roads from Thailand for relief and admit more international aid officials and physicians to ensure proper distribution.

Australia's drought 'grim'



In parts of the north-west plains, ranchers are reported to have reduced stock numbers by up to 70 per cent.

QUEENSLAND

Cattle, sheep and grain properties in a vast area of Queensland's south and south-west have been hardest hit by the state's prolonged drought. Storage water levels are dangerously low, with some dams down to 25 per cent of their capacity. Only six of the state's 31 dams and weirs are full. Ranchers are using stored grain and cutting scrub to feed their stock. Others are driving their cattle and sheep in search of pastures.

No useful rain has fallen for five months and no relief is in sight. Thousands of cattle and sheep have died despite recent strong markets which minimised stock losses.

The authoritative Queensland Country Life newspaper says soaring commercial stockfeed prices and dwindling feed supplies will force many Queensland pig, poultry

and cattle feeders out of business this winter.

Commercial stockfeed prices increased 20 per cent in the first three months of this year and further substantial rises are expected in winter as stockfeed demand peaks and already-tight stockfeed supplies reach critically low levels.

Bulk piggeries and poultry producers have already been hard hit by the steep rise in feed prices. In both industries, stockfeed comprises around 75 per cent of production costs and many smaller producers have been forced to close this year.

VICTORIA

In many areas, the lack of autumn rainfall is compounded by the fact that rainfall was well below normal last spring.

Lack of rainfall has had adverse effects on the preparation of wheat and other cereal crops in western and north-western areas of Victoria.

In some areas of Victoria, rain-

World New Briefs

LAHORE, May 27 (R)—Pakistan's military ruler Gen. Haq, who has refused every mercy petition during his years in power, yesterday commuted death sentences on due to be hanged for assaulting and robbing an actress. Sons of senior government officials or prominent business condemned by a military court last year. The president's accept a mercy petition from the youths' parents, and Lahore jail officials, was the first time he had commuted sentence. The five will instead serve ten years' hard labor. Zia refused to commute the death sentence on former prime minister Ali Bhutto, who was hanged last year after being of involvement in a political murder.

WASHINGTON, May 27 (R)—President Carter yesterday came home the nuclear carrier Nimitz with praise for its duty in the Indian Ocean and a new attack on Soviet Iran. Standing on the flight deck of the Nimitz, 30 the Virginia coast, the president told his crew that they had peace while also protecting the lives of the 53 American in Iran. The Nimitz cruised the Indian Ocean in response to and Afghan crises. It was from the Nimitz that marine took off on April 24 on the abortive Iranian hostage President Carter has said U.S. warships in the Indian Ocean preserving stability that had been disturbed by the Soviet in Afghanistan last December. He said that while the warships were training peacefully, the troops of the Soviet were at war with Muslim schoolgirls in Afghanistan destroying helpless villages there.

OTTAWA, May 27 (R)—Forest fires, the worst for ravaged vast areas of northern Canada yesterday but firefighters in some areas. Dozens of fires were burning country, from Quebec to British Columbia, and more people moved to temporary refuge centres. The biggest fire in northern Ontario town of Kenora, was burning down the 102,000 hectares. About 700 people were evacuated. Resources officials blamed the rash of forest fires on an hot, dry early summer.

NEW DELHI, May 27 (R)—Police opened fire to disperse the town of Jura today as anti-immigrant violence in northeastern Assam state, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported. PTI said no casualties were immediate reports where soldiers later moved in to enforce a curfew. Clash reported in several villages in the Nowgong district of Assam. Nine other northeastern towns were placed under curfew and troops patrolled the streets today, PTI said. More than have died in Assam in the eight months of agitation against migrants, mainly from Bangladesh and Nepal. PTI said five killed and 60 injured yesterday during counter-demonstrations in Goalpara district.

PARIS, May 27 (AP)—UNITA guerrillas seized the town near the Angolan border with South West Africa, after last Wednesday, the UNITA office here said today. A claimed government forces suffered some 200 casualties, Cubans and that UNITA shot down two Soviet-built UH-1A said it lost ten dead, with some wounded. Savat main road north from the border, about 160 kilometre border town of Cuangar, which UNITA claimed to have earlier. It said the capture of the two towns was part of its offensive against the Luanda government, which is 1 thousands of Cuban troops.

ROME, May 27 (R)—The United Nations' World Food P (WFP) said today it will give additional emergency food \$3.2 million to Afghan refugees in Pakistan. The Rome-based said it would ship more than 10,000 tons of wheat and 6 edible oil for 700,000 refugees.

COLOMBO, May 27 (R)—Sri Lanka has appealed for help to maintain its essential services during the country drought this century, a foreign ministry spokesman said today. Drought has led to daily five-hour power cuts and Foreign Sahul Hameed yesterday asked envoys of the United Nations, Soviet Union, West Germany, France, Japan, India and immediate help on obtaining diesel power generators. The which began in December, has damaged the country's crops of tea, rubber and coconut and has almost dried up main reservoirs which supply electric power. Monsoon rain month have not occurred and the ministry of power and energy warned that the power cuts would have to be extended weekend if the situation did not improve.

Reagan virtually assured of Republican nomination

WASHINGTON, May 27 (R)—Mr. Ronald Reagan, one-time film star and former governor of California, is virtually assured of the Republican Party's presidential nomination following the effective withdrawal of Mr. George Bush, his last serious rival.

Yesterday Mr. Bush, who was once the United States ambassador to the United Nations, announced in Houston that he was effectively withdrawing from the race, although technically remaining a candidate to qualify for federal funds.

Mr. Bush lost 18 out of 24 primary elections to Mr. Reagan, thus paving the way for a Republican candidate who favours hard-line foreign policies and economic policies that stress free enterprise. The party will hold its convention in July, an event almost certain to be a mere formality for Mr. Reagan.

The question remaining is who will represent the Democrats — Mr. Carter, now far out front in the nomination race, or Senator Edward Kennedy, who insists he can still upset the president.

Most political analysts give Mr. Kennedy only an outside chance to do so, even if he wins most of the major primaries in the eight states voting on June 3.

In any case, the U.S. presidential election this year will also feature a third major candidate: liberal Illinois Congressman John Anderson, a Republican campaigning as an independent. He has been running surprisingly close to Mr. Reagan and Mr. Carter in early, exploratory opinion polls.

For Mr. Bush, yesterday's decision ended a campaign that illustrated the costs required for the U.S. presidency — two years' worth of planning, one year of active campaigning, an estimated \$16 million spent for a brief taste of success and then elimination.

Haiti president-for-life to be wed

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti, May 27 (R)—President-for-life Jean-Claude Duvalier takes a bride today in the biggest event of the past decade in one of the western hemisphere's poorest countries.

In an evening ceremony at the Roman Catholic cathedral, Mr. Duvalier, 27, one of the world's youngest heads of state, will marry Miss Michele Bennett, 29, a Haitian divorcee with two small sons. It will be the president's first marriage. There have been rumours that some officials who served under his late father, President Francois (Papa Doc) Duvalier opposed the wedding because the bride's former

father-in-law was killed in an attempt to overthrow "Papa Doc."

Any negative feelings that may exist have not been reflected in the public posture. There has been a round of parties for the couple, bands played in the streets here last night, a national holiday begins at noon today and the wedding reception could last all night.

The bride, referred to officially by her maiden name, is the daughter of a wealthy Haitian businessman, Mr. Ernest Bennett, whose enterprises include coffee growing and exporting. She was educated here and in New York.

Jean-Claude became president in 1971 upon the death of his father.



President Duvalier with fiancée

Australia is facing an extremely severe winter drought which seems likely to cut the nation's wool supplies by up to ten per cent. Wheat production will also be seriously affected unless there are good winter rains.

Large areas of the country, particularly in the states of New South Wales and Queensland, have been officially declared drought areas. The Bureau of Agricultural Economics, which monitors long term prospects for Australia's primary production, describes the drought position as "grim."

There is little likelihood of relief for New South Wales and Queensland until next Australian spring, for both have their normal dry period during the winter months of June, July and August.

This is how the drought is affecting the country:

NEW SOUTH WALES

More than 80 per cent of the state is feeling the effects of the drought. There is little prospect of relief until the Australian spring in September and October.

Even if heavy rains fall now, they will be too late to encourage pasture growth with the onset of winter frosts and low temperatures.

Rains now would help the wheatgrowers. Wheat can be sown right into winter, as can oats. But they would be of no help to pasture feed for sheep and cattle.

If the drought continues, wheat and oat crops are expected to fail and the bumper wheat harvest of the past two years will not be repeated next summer.

There are about 75,000 ranchers and farmers in the state who graze 50 million sheep for wool and meat and six million cattle for milk and beef, as well as grain growers, orchardists and wine growers.

Many property owners have been selling their sheep and cattle.

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